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August 24, 2005

Mr. Robert Vogt
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Dear Mr. Vogt:

Subject: Coverage under Order No. R1-2005-0011, "General Waste Discharge Requirements and Water Quality Certification for Discharges Related to Sand and Gravel Mining, Excavation, and Processing Activities, Including Asphalt and Concrete Operations, on Non-Federal Lands in the North Coast Region"

File: Pacific Lumber Co. Eel River Gravel Extraction Operations
WDID No. 1B02104WNHU

On February 3, 2005, Pacific Lumber Company submitted an application to this office for Water Quality Certification and/or Waste Discharge Requirements. On June 21, 2005, the Regional Water Board adopted Order No. R1-2005-0011, "General Waste Discharge Requirements and Water Quality Certification for Discharges Related to Sand and Gravel Mining, Excavation, and Processing Activities, Including Asphalt and Concrete Operations, on Non-Federal Lands in the North Coast Region (General WDR). Initial review of the application indicated that Pacific Lumber Company's Eel River gravel extraction activities and processing facility would be eligible for coverage under the General WDR.

On July 13, 2005, we posted a public notice for your project on our web site and a 21-day public comment period has taken place. We received comments during the public comment period. Regional Water Board staff have considered the comments and determined that authorized discharges from Pacific Lumber Company's proposed gravel extraction operations will comply with the applicable provisions of the Clean Water Act and State law.

This letter hereby informs Pacific Lumber Company that their proposed aggregate extraction activities on the Eel River between Scotia and McCann, and their aggregate processing facility in Scotia are now subject to the requirements of General WDR Order No. R1-2005-0011. The

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identification number for this project file will be WDID No. 1B02104WNHU. This number should be included on all future correspondence related to this matter.

We encourage all appropriate personnel to review and become familiar with the discharge requirements and prohibitions contained in the General WDR. Please call Dean Prat of our staff at (707) 576-2801 if you have any questions.

Sincerely

Catherine E. Kuhlman
Executive Officer

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Enclosures:

1. Order No. R1-2005-0011, "General Waste Discharge Requirements and Water Quality Certification for Discharges Related to Sand and Gravel Mining, Excavation, and Processing Activities, Including Asphalt and Concrete Operations, on Non-Federal Lands in the North Coast Region"
 2. Regional Water Board staff's letter responding to comments submitted by the Voice Family during the public comment period
- cc: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, District Engineer, P.O. Box 4863, Eureka, CA 95502
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